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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoshinobu TAKANO, et al.

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EXAMINER: KNAUSS, S.

FOR: BRANCHING METHOD FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ☐ Amendment/Reply  
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